

may receive \$540 for their services for any one year, and raising the salaries for services upon the roads of said county, and prescribing the maximum that each county commissioner may receive while acting as road commissioner of said county, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 838, "An Act to create the Sherperd Independent School District in San Jacinto county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 796, "An Act creating the Pineland Independent School District No. 3 in Sabine county, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 802, "An Act changing the boundaries of Caps Independent School District, and View Common School District No. 52, in Taylor county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 610, "An Act to amend Section 3 of House bill No. 647, Chapter 136, of the special law passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature relating to Tarrant county road system; providing for the raising of the salaries of county commissioners of said county from \$2000 to \$2400 per annum, and making it the duty of said commissioners to furnish their own conveyance while performing the duties of road commissioner and defray the expense of upkeep of same,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

FIFTY-FIRST DAY.

(Continued.)

(Tuesday, March 20, 1917.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by the Speaker.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL NO. 247.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following report of the Conference Committee on Senate bill No. 247:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sirs: We, your Free Conference Committee appointed on Senate bill No. 247, beg leave to report that we have met and adjusted the differences between the House and Senate and recommend to the House and Senate the passage of said bill amended as follows:

(1)

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof as follows:

"Section 1. That Chapter 48 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thir-

ty-first Legislature, 1909, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Section 1. From and after the passage of this act the district attorney shall appoint one assistant district attorney in districts in which there is situated a city of twenty-eight thousand population or over according to the United States census of 1910; provided the district attorney shall furnish data to the district judge of his district that he is in need of an assistant and that the district attorney is himself unable to attend to all of the duties required of him by law, and that it is necessary to the best interests of the State that an assistant district attorney be appointed. Every person so appointed shall be a qualified resident attorney of the district in which said appointment is made and shall give bond and take the oath of office required of district attorneys by this State, and shall have the power and authority to perform all the acts and duties of district attorneys under the law of this State, and said appointment shall be for such time as the district attorney shall deem best in the enforcement of the law, not to be less than one month.

"Sec. 2. Said assistant district attorney shall be paid for the time of actual service rendered at the rate of the sum of \$2500 per annum, by the Comptroller of the State of Texas, and said amounts to be paid in monthly payments, upon certificates of district clerk and district judge of said district, that said assistant district attorney has performed his duties and is entitled to pay."

Sec. 3. The district attorney of any such district at any time he deems said assistant unnecessary, or that the person appointed is not attending to his duties as required by law, may remove said person from office by merely writing to the district judge of the said district to that effect.

Sec. 4. The fact that there is no adequate law of this State providing for assistant district attorneys, and in many districts of the State, the district attorneys have a large amount of important work, which they are unable to attend to, on account of lack of time, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that this act be passed under a suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and that the rule is therefore suspended and this act shall take

effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

(2)

Strike out all before the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, 1909, relative to the appointment of an assistant district attorney, prescribing the mode of appointment of assistant district attorneys in districts containing a city of twenty-eight thousand population or over according to the United States census of 1910, prescribing the qualifications of such assistant district attorney, defining his duties, providing the method of his removal from office, fixing his salary and prescribing the mode of its payment, and declaring an emergency."

FLY,
DUDLEY,
BELL,
POPE,
JONES.

On the part of the House,

HUDSPETH,
CALDWELL,
DAYTON,
CLARK,
WOODWARD.

On the part of the Senate.

Question—Shall the report be adopted?

Mr. Lee moved that the report be re-committed to the Conference Committee for further consideration.

Mr. Dudley moved to table the motion to recommit.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—62.

Bagby.	Fisher.
Beard of Milam.	Fitzpatrick.
Beason.	Florer.
Bell.	Fly.
Blackburn.	Haidusek.
Blackmon.	Hardy.
Bland.	Harris.
Bledsoe.	Hill.
Brown.	Holland.
Bryan.	Hudspeth.
Burton of Tarrant.	Laas.
Canales.	Laney.
Cox.	Lange.
Davis of Grimes.	Martin.
De Bogory.	Meador.
Denton.	Mendell.
Dudley.	Metcalf.
Fairchilds.	Miller of Austin.

Monday.	Thomason
Morris.	of Nacogdoches.
Nichols.	Thompson
Parks.	of Red River.
Pillow.	Tillotson.
Poage.	Tschoepe.
Reeves.	Valentine.
Roemer.	Wahrmund.
Sackett.	Walker.
Schlesinger.	White.
Schlosshan.	Williams
Sholars.	of McLennan.
Smith of Bastrop.	Woods.
Smith of Scurry.	Woodul.
Spradley.	

Nays—47.

Baker.	Neill.
Beasley.	Peddy.
Bertram.	Peyton.
Blalock.	Rogers.
Boner.	Russell.
Burton of Rusk.	Sentell.
Butler.	Seawright.
Cadenhead.	Smith of Hopkins.
Clark.	Spencer of Wise.
Cope.	Stewart.
Davis of Dallas.	Taylor.
Davis	Templeton.
of Van Zandt.	Terrell.
Dodd.	Thomas.
Dunnam.	Thompson
Estes.	of Hunt.
Hartman.	Tilson.
Hawkins.	Trayler.
Lacey.	Upchurch.
Lanier.	Veatch.
Lee.	Williams
Lindemann.	of Brazoria.
Lowe	Williford.
of McMullen.	Wilson.
McMillin.	Yantis.
Murrell.	

Present—Not Voting.

McComb.

Absent.

Bedell.	Nordhaus.
Bryant.	O'Banion.
Carlock.	O'Brien.
Greenwood.	Osborne.
Jones.	Pope.
Low	Richards.
of Washington.	Robertson.
McDowra.	Scholl.
McFarland.	Spencer of Nolan.
Moore.	Swope.
Neeley.	

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Harris.	Raiden.
Cates.	Sallas.
Crudgington.	Strayhorn.
Johnson.	Thomason
McCoy.	of El Paso.
Miller of Dallas.	Tinner.

Question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and its caption had been read, the following enrolled bill:

S. B. No. 416, "An Act to aid the Garrison Independent School District in Nacogdoches county in the rebuilding and furnishing permanent public school building destroyed by fire November 17, 1916, by donating and granting to it the State ad valorem and a part of the poll taxes and occupation taxes collected on property and indebtedness to the Garrison Independent School District for a period of five years, and providing for the manner of collecting, disbursing and receipting for said money, and providing for a penalty for their misapplication, and declaring an emergency."

HOUSE BILL NO. 526 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Veatch called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 526, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1460, Chapter 2, Title 29, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, and amended by the Thirty-fourth Legislature, page 203, providing for the appointment and compensation of county auditors in counties having a population of forty thousand inhabitants, according to the last United States census, or having a tax valuation of eighteen million dollars, according to the last approved tax rolls; also to add Article 1460a, providing that county auditors may be appointed in counties having a less population than forty thousand inhabitants, or having a tax valuation of less than eighteen million dollars; also, to amend Article 1461, Chapter 2, Title 29, of the Revised Civil Statutes as amended by the Thirty-fourth Legislature, page 182, relating to the appointment of county auditors; also, to amend Article 1462, Chapter 2, Title 29, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, defining the qualifications of county auditors."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

On motion of Mr. Veatch, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

MOTION TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL
NO. 310.

Mr. Fly moved to suspend the regular order of business, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 310, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing the qualifications of the county superintendent of public instruction, fixing the salary of the county superintendent, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The motion to suspend was lost.

MOTION TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL
NO. 326.

Mr. Beason moved to suspend the regular order of business, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 326, A bill to be entitled "An Act to aid the county of Chambers in rebuilding roads and bridges within said county, which were destroyed by a flood and storm in said county on August 16, 1915, by donating and granting to it, the said county of Chambers, the State ad valorem taxes and a part of the occupation and poll taxes collected on property and from persons in Chambers county for a period of ten years, and to provide a penalty for their misapplication."

The motion to suspend was lost.

MOTION TO TAKE UP HOUSE BILL
NO. 800.

Mr. Reeves moved to suspend the regular order of business, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 800, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish at Denison, Grayson county, Texas, a Junior Agricultural, Mechanical and Industrial College to be known as the Munson Vocational College, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

The motion to suspend was lost.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has refused to adopt finally Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, the "submission" res-

olution, without a motion to reconsider pending.

The Senate has passed,

H. B. No. 792, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Karnes City Independent School District in Karnes county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 678, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2771, Title 48, Chapter 12, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 of the State of Texas; providing for the selection of treasurer of the school fund in an independent district of more than one hundred and fifty scholastics, whether it be a city which has assumed control of the school within its limits or a corporation for school purposes only; providing for bond to be executed by the treasurer, and fixing the conditions of said bond," with amendments.

The Senate grants request of the House for return of Senate bill No. 489 for roll call on final passage.

Respectfully,

JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

MOTION TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL
NO. 387.

Mr. Pillow moved to suspend the regular order of business, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 387, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Criminal District Court of Galveston county and defining the jurisdiction thereof, and declaring an emergency."

The motion to suspend was lost.

MOTION TO TAKE UP SENATE BILL
NO. 310.

Mr. Fly moved to suspend the regular order of business, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 310, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing the qualifications of the county superintendent of public instruction, fixing the salary of the county superintendent, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The motion to suspend was lost.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Denton, the House, at 10:17 o'clock a. m., adjourned until 10:20 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, March 20.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 291, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the placing, erection, use and maintenance of electric poles, wires, cables and appliances, and providing the punishment for the violation thereof."

H. J. R. No. 29, Proposing to amend Sections 2, 24 and 26, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, reducing the number of Representatives, fixing their compensation, and prescribing a basis of apportionment.

And find same correctly engrossed.
DENTON, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bill, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 791, "An Act creating the Newton Independent School District of Newton county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 9:40 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 790, "An Act creating the Stanton Independent School District of Martin county, Texas, by adding the present Stanton Independent School District more territory, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this

day, at 9:40 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 700, "An Act creating the Docum and Miller Common School Line School District, containing territory in Erath and Comanche counties, Texas, including the territory of the school districts known as Miller and Docum Common School Districts of Comanche and Erath counties, respectively; placing said common county line school districts under the jurisdiction of Comanche county, to be known as Common School District No. 110 of said county; a board of trustees therefor; vesting said district and board of trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred and imposed on common school districts and boards of trustees thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 9:40 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 826, "An Act creating the Pandora Independent School District in Wilson county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 9:40 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 544, "An Act to amend Article 984 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to authorize cities and towns to require the filling up, draining and regulating of any lot

or lots, grounds or yards, or other places in the city or town which shall be unwholesome, or have stagnant water therein or from any other cause be in such condition as to be liable to produce disease; to cause or make inspection of all premises and to impose fine on the owners of houses under which stagnant water may be found or upon whose premises stagnant water may be found, and to pass such ordinances as they may deem necessary for the purposes aforesaid, and making, filling up, altering or repairing of all sinks and privies, and directing the mode and material for constructing them in the future, and for cleansing and disinfecting the same; and for cleansing of houses, buildings, yards or grounds of filth, carrion or impure or unwholesome matter of any kind, and to punish the owner or occupant violating the provisions of any ordinance so passed as aforesaid; and providing for the removal of weeds, rubbish, brush, etc., from lots, and empowering the city or town council, city commissioners, or other governing body of such city or town to make or cause such improvements to be made at the expense of the city on account of the owners, and to cause the expense of such improvements or work to be assessed on the real estate, or lot or lots for or upon which work is done or improvements are made; and making provisions for notice to owners, and providing that a lien may be fixed upon such lot or lots, etc., for the improvement made, or caused to be made by the city or town, or for the work done, and also providing how the amounts expended in such improvements of work may be fixed, and providing for suit and foreclosure of the lien so given and the rate of interest to be paid on amounts so expended, repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 820, "An Act creating a new road law for Bowie county,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 9:40 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 795, "An Act creating and incorporating the Goldthwaite Independent School District in Mills county, Texas, including the town of Goldthwaite, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 793, "An Act to amend Section 9, Chapter 72, Laws of 1901, as amended by Chapter 119, Laws of 1913, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Karnes county, Texas,' etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 740, "An Act to repeal Chapter 71, Special Acts of 1915, Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas, creating a special road system for Milam county, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 818, "An Act to so amend Section 18, Chapter 15 of the Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Texas providing for a special road system for Ellis county, etc.,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 705, "An Act adding territory to the present Trent Independent School District of Taylor county; defining its boundaries, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. J. R. No. 27, Proposing an amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by changing Section 3 providing for a thirty-five cent tax levy for the maintenance of the public schools of Texas, and providing free text books in the public schools of the State of Texas, and making an appropriation therefor.

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:17 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 238, "An Act to authorize the commissioners courts of the several counties of Texas to create and establish defined districts for irrigation purposes to be known as water improvement districts, empower such districts to construct reservoirs, dams, canals, laterals, ditches, pumping plants and other internal improvements necessary to irrigation systems; to order and hold elections for the purpose of voting on irrigation propositions and establishment of such districts; and to provide for the careful government and operation of such districts; and to authorize such districts to issue bonds and assess property for taxation, and to levy and collect taxes in payment of bonds issued for such irrigation improvements and the maintenance thereof, and authorize such districts to levy assessments for the operation and maintenance thereof, and to assess and collect taxes for the payment of bonds issued and interest thereon and the expense of assessing and collecting such taxes; authorizing the election of directors and authorizing the appointment of tax assessors and collectors and all other necessary officers, attorneys, managers, engineers and employes of such districts for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act; providing for determining the lands included in said districts and the addition of other territory to same, and the exclusion of territory from same; granting right of eminent domain for such districts and authorizing such districts to acquire by purchase, gift, grant or condemnation for such district, the title to any right of way and other necessary property, and providing for the payment thereof; providing for the acquiring of water rights for such districts, and providing for the distribution of water by such districts, and the sale of water; authorizing such districts to do all things necessary for the establishment and maintenance of such districts, and construction and maintenance of all necessary improvements, and to levy and collect assessments for the operation and maintenance thereof; providing for the selection of depositories for the maintenance of an office, for the keeping of books and accounts by such districts; fixing a lien and penalties to enforce the collection of taxes; fixing a lien and penalty to enforce the collection of assessments; providing for the filing of suits to establish the validity of the for-

mation of such districts, and providing for the Attorney General of the State to file answers in such proceedings, and fixing the venue of such actions; authorizing the addition of territory within two or more counties to establish districts, and authorizing the formation of districts including territory in two or more counties, providing for election in such districts and the method of making returns and declaring the result of such election; providing that suit may be instituted in the name of the State of Texas by the Attorney General; providing for the distribution of water among the water users of such districts; providing generally a complete system for the formation of water improvement districts, the governing of such districts, and the dissolution of such districts; providing that such districts may acquire existing drainage improvement and pay the debts of same; providing that such districts may construct drainage ditches and improvements and may construct levees and may pay for all such improvements; providing for the validation and continuing in force of all irrigation districts heretofore formed and now existing in the State of Texas; repealing an act of the Thirty-third Legislature, being Chapter 172 of said Acts of 1913, of the State of Texas; providing for changing the name of irrigation districts; providing for cancelling and re-issuing irrigation district bonds and water improvement district bonds; authorizing such districts to enter into contract with the United States or the officers thereof for the building, rental and operation of irrigation works and for other purposes; relating to the terms of such contracts and the means of carrying out the same; of collecting taxes and other charges thereupon and disbursing the same; providing for sale of bonds, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:17 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 789, "An Act to establish Common School District No. 10 in Dickens county, Texas, and extending its boundaries so as to include certain lands heretofore in Common School District No. 1, of said Dickens county, Texas, provided that such parts of Common School District No. 1 of said Dickens county, as may hereafter be included in Common School District No. 10 shall continue to be subject to taxation for the payment of the principal and interest, and creating a sinking fund of any bonds that may have heretofore been issued by School District No. 1, and remaining unpaid, conferring upon said Common School District No. 1 all authority now conferred by the General Laws of the State of Texas upon common school districts, and placing the affairs of said district in a board of trustees to be composed of three members and conferring the power upon the county judge of said Dickens county, Texas, to appoint three trustees for said Common School District No. 10, one of whom shall hold office until May 1, 1918, or until his successor has been duly elected and qualified, and the other two shall hold office until May 1, 1919, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified, and thereafter to be elected as directed by the statute governing common school districts, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 22, Relating to location of a naval armor plate plant.

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 48, "An Act for the protec-

tion of stock raisers, farmers and horticulturists; providing for the destruction of wolves and other wild animals, to make an appropriation therefor; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 52, "An Act to exempt from taxation all buffalo and all catalo now in captivity in Texas, by whomsoever owned, where such animals are kept and used for experimental purposes in crossing same with cattle for the purpose of producing a better strain of beef animals, or where such animals are kept in parks to preserve the species, and not for profit, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 18, Providing for printing Legislative Manual.

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 351, "An Act providing that the history of the State of Texas shall be taught in the history course of all public schools in Texas; giving the State Superintendent of Public Instruction certain powers in regard

thereto, and providing a penalty for violation of this act,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 419, "An Act to establish standard 'containers' and standard 'grades' and 'packs' for fruits and vegetables grown in this State for the markets; to prescribe dimensions and cubical contents of such containers; to require the manufacturers of such containers to conform to the standards herein prescribed; to define the different 'grades and packs' as applied to different kinds of fruits and vegetables; to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture of this State to promulgate and publish said standards for the information of the public, and promulgate standards of containers, grades and packs in conformity with those hereafter established by the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, and to promulgate such other standards of containers, grades and packs as in his judgment are expedient and to the best interests of the fruit and truck growers of the State; providing for supervision of the grading and packing of fruits and vegetables through State inspectors to be appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture; empowering the Commissioner of Agriculture to enforce the provisions of this Act; prescribing penalties for its violation, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 149, "An Act to amend Title 126, Chapter 1, Article 7355, Section 9 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, on the question of taxation,"

Have carefully compared same, and

find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 757, "An Act to fix the time of holding the courts in the Sixty-fourth Judicial District of Texas, to validate all proceeds, bonds and recognizances heretofore taken in the courts of said district and all judgments therein rendered, or to be rendered, repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 373, "An Act providing for the sale, lease, extension or mortgage by the Prison Commission by and with the approval and consent of the Governor of the railroad now owned by the State, extending from Rusk in Cherokee county to Palestine, in Anderson county, and for its maintenance, equipment and operation; providing for condemning the right of way and material therefor; providing for condemnation proceedings; providing for the issuance of bonds by the Prison Commission in an amount sufficient for the extension of said road; providing that said Prison Commission with the approval and consent of the Governor may accept donations and gifts, either in money or lands, or other necessities for the extension of said road; providing that the rate of interest of said bonds may be such as to said Prison Commission shall seem best; providing for the redemption of said bonds; providing that the Railroad Commission of Texas shall have jurisdiction over traffic to compel a fair division of freight and passenger charges between said railroad and all connecting lines therewith; providing that said Prison Commission shall enforce and obey the orders and regulations of the Railroad Commission; pro-

viding for working State convicts in the construction of said road and providing that said Prison Commission with the approval and consent of the Governor may do any and all things with said Texas State Railroad that an individual could do if he owned it, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 364, "An Act to require the publication in some newspaper of general circulation of all notices now required by law or contract to be given of any act or proceeding, whether public or private, or relating to a judicial, executive or legislative matter, which notice is now authorized by law or contract to be made by posting notices in one or more public places, fixing a time of such publication, and the compensation, naming certain exemptions, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 333, "An Act to amend subdivision 60, Article 1121, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted in 1911, so as to provide that corporations may be organized for or amend their charters so as to embrace the purpose of constructing or acquiring with power to maintain and operate street railways and suburban railways and belt lines of railways within and near cities and towns and interurban railways within and between cities and towns with power also to construct, own

and operate union depots and office buildings, and that any such railways which use electric power shall be authorized to manufacture, supply and sell electricity and gas (artificial, natural, or both) for light, heat and power to the public and to municipalities, and conferring the right of eminent domain upon interurban railways, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 319, "An Act to amend Article 1974 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 59, page 113 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its regular session, relating to special instructions, and providing that when a special instruction is requested and refused by the court, the said special instruction and the action of the court in refusing same when endorsed thereon shall within itself constitute a bill of exception, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 173, "An Act declaring it to be unlawful for any railway company, or receiver thereof, or other common carrier, or receiver thereof, to confiscate or otherwise convert to its, or their, own use any carload shipment or substantial portion of a carload shipment of any article or commodity of freight traffic received by it, or them, for transportation and delivery; providing penalties therefor in favor of the State of Texas and in favor of the owner or consignee thereof; providing that the terms of this act are separable and are cumulative of all other laws upon the subject, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 249, "An Act amending Article 1003 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, so as to render a verified plea of privilege prima facie proof of the right of the defendant to change of venue, and providing for procedure thereon,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 9:40 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 246, "An Act to amend Section 5 of House bill No. 25, passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at the Regular Session, 1913, and approved April 7, 1913, relating to prorating the appropriation for Confederate pensions among the pensioners, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 831, "An Act setting aside the building now occupied and used as a General Land Office, located in Austin, Travis county, Texas, in order that the Daughters of the Republic and the Texas Division of the Daughters of the Confederacy might accumulate the mementos and relics, and preserve and perpetuate the history and traditions of the Southland and of our Commonwealth; providing how said building

shall be used by the respective parties; making an appropriation for the repairing and remodeling of said building, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 815, "An Act to amend Title 5, Article 30, paragraph 21, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, as amended by House bill No. 381 of Chapter 8, on page 39, of the Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature, which article provides for judicial districts of the State, and which paragraph defines the Twenty-first Judicial District and determines the date and length of term of such district court in each of the counties of the said district; and which amendment provides for a change in the term of the said court in Lee county, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 615, "An Act to amend Chapter 77 of the General Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature, approved March 17, 1911, and entitled 'An Act to provide for the location, establishment and maintenance of two colonies for the treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis and to provide for the care and treatment of indigent consumptives, and making an appropriation therefor; defining a "citizen" as used in this act, and declaring an emergency,' as amended by the Act of March 31, 1913, by adding thereto Sections 22, 23 and 24, authorizing charitable fraternities or societies in this State to erect upon the grounds of the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium accommodations for the preferential use of their own members and their families and the

widows and children of their deceased members, such persons to be otherwise admitted, maintained, cared for and treated in said sanitarium under the same rules and regulations as other patients thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 669, "An Act to amend Sections 2 and 3 of an act creating the county court of Dallas county at law, passed at the Called Session of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 3, 1907, so as to restore to the county court of Dallas county jurisdiction in all matters and causes, civil and criminal, over which by the general laws of the State county courts have jurisdiction."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 591, "An Act to amend Article 2821, Title 48, Chapter 15 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, so that hereafter said article shall provide, in substance, that school trustees must be able to read and write in the English language; comprehend and interpret the laws of Texas relating to the public school system; providing for the removal of school trustees not thus qualified; placing certain duties upon the county superintendent, or the county judge of a county, who is ex-officio county superintendent; directing suits for the removal of unqualified trustees by the county attorney; providing for enjoining disqualified trustees from acting; providing for the trial and removal of trustees who are not qualified under the act; conferring certain authority and requir-

ing certain duties of the county board of education with reference to school trustees; providing that the county board of education may appoint school trustees in case of vacancy in such office, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 465, "An Act to provide for the purchase of a site for, and for the establishment, location and construction of, an asylum to be known as the Northwest Texas Insane Asylum for the care, treatment and support of white insane persons, and to make an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 501, "An Act to make appropriation to cover the cost of permanent building and equipment of same, for the use of the Texas State Quarantine Service at Sabine, Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 785, "An Act to create a more efficient road law for Wilson county, Texas; fixing the compensation of the commissioners of Wilson county when acting as ex-officio road commissioners, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 560, "An Act to provide an annual vacation to paid firemen in cities of 30,000 inhabitants or over; providing that the city official having supervision of the fire department shall designate the days each fireman is to be on vacation; prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 239, "An Act to diminish the civil jurisdiction of the county court of Falls county, Texas, conferring said civil jurisdiction upon the district court of said county and conforming the jurisdiction of said district court to said change; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict or inconsistent herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:17 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 549, "An Act to prevent unnecessary cruelty in catching or killing of wild animals and to prevent live stock and other domestic animals from injury, and to prevent the extermination of wild animals usually hunted for sport, and to forbid the setting of any trap, snare, or device for taking, snaring, trapping or catching of same, and to prevent the

taking, catching, killing or trapping of such animals for a period of ten years from the taking effect of this act, and to provide a punishment for so doing, in Caldwell county."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:17 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 786, "An Act to create a special fish law for Wood county, Texas; exempting said county from certain provisions of the general fish and game laws of Texas; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 9:40 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 694, "An Act to aid the city of Corpus Christi in constructing and maintaining sea walls, breakwaters, shore protections out into Corpus Christi bay to fill in the space between the shore and such sea walls, breakwaters and shore protection from calamitous overflows, so as to protect it from calamitous overflows, by donating to it the ad valorem taxes collected on property and from persons in Nueces county for a period of fifteen years, and to provide a penalty for their misapplication, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 9:40 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 748, "An Act to create the Kelton Independent School District of Wheeler county, Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 9:40 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 553, "An Act to amend Article 7305 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, relating to the inspection of hides and animals so as to include among the counties exempted from the provisions of Articles 7256 to 7304, inclusive, the counties of Coke, Irion, Reagan, Sterling, Tom Green, Upton, Borden, Lubbock, Lynn, Midland and Terry,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 801, "An Act to amend Section 13, Chapter 35, Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, being House bill No. 83, and as amended by Senate bill No. 195, Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, creating a more efficient road system for Rains county, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 9:40 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 811, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Trinity county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 9:40 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 365, "An Act to permit S. S. Perry of Brazoria county, Texas, to bring suit against the State of Texas for an alleged damage growing out of an alleged breach of contract entered into by and between the said S. S. Perry and the Board of Prison Commissioners, dated September 20, 1911,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 9:40 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 813, "An Act creating Smiley Independent School District, in Gonzales county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 9:40 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 451, "An Act to provide for the location, establishment and construction of a hospital at Rusk, Texas, for the care, treatment and support of insane persons of the African race, or African descent, and granting the use of certain State property at Rusk, Texas, for the use of same, providing that the Governor of this State, the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the State Treasurer shall constitute a board to locate said asylum and to let all contracts for the establishment and construction of

the same, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 9:40 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 681, "An Act to authorize the city council, board of aldermen or other governing body of any city or town in this State, whether operating under special charter or the general law, to appropriate at the end of each fiscal year so much of the net revenues of any waterworks system or other public utility system, service or enterprise owned by said city or town as such body shall deem to the best interest of said city or town, to the payment of the sinking fund and interest on the bonded indebtedness of such system, service or enterprise; such sum so appropriated to be used for no other purpose; providing for the levy of a tax for raising such sinking fund and interest where such appropriation is insufficient as herein provided, and declaring an emergency,"

find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 9:40 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 460, "An Act providing that in all incorporated cities and towns of this State having a population of fifty thousand inhabitants or more, according to the last United States census, and which maintain a regular police department, the patrolmen thereof, or those performing duties ordinarily performed by patrolmen, shall be required to serve on actual duty as patrolmen not longer than eight hours in every twenty-four hours; providing, that in case of riot or other emergency, such patrolmen shall perform such duty and for such time as the directing authority of the department

shall require, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 782, "An Act to amend Section 8, Chapter 119, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to official shorthand reporters' compensation in Bexar county,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 237, "An Act to provide a more adequate system of laws relating to irrigation and declaring the unappropriated waters of the State the property of the State; authorizing their appropriation, storage and diversion for beneficial uses; perpetuating the Board of Water Engineers and prescribing its powers, duties and compensation; defining water rights and prescribing the method of acquiring, perfecting and preserving same; requiring applications to be made to the Board of Water Engineers for permits to construct storage, diversion and distribution works, and prescribing the method thereof; limiting the right to the waters of the State to beneficial uses, and declaring forfeiture for abandonment of use; prescribing standards for the measurement of water; providing a method for the determination of water rights by the Board of Water Engineers; authorizing appeals from the decisions of the State Board of Water Engineers, and regulating the manner thereof; prescribing the method of serving notices on claimants and appropriators of water and declaring the effects of failure to observe the same; authorizing the issuance of certificates

of water rights and the recording thereof; fixing certain fees; creating the office of Water Commissioner and prescribing the duties and compensation thereof; authorizing the appointment of special assistants and prescribing their duties and compensation; dividing the State into water divisions and providing for water districts; prescribing the method for determining and recording titles to irrigation works, and establishing the period of limitation to quiet titles thereto; regulating partnership ditches; conferring the right of eminent domain in aid of construction of irrigation works; prohibiting the seeding of Johnson grass or Russian Thistle on irrigation canals; prescribing penalties for violation of the provisions of this act; requiring the making of annual report to the Board of Water Engineers; requiring the control of flowing artesian wells; authorizing the chartering of corporations to construct and operate irrigation and other works; authorizing contracts for the supply and delivery of water, and creating liens to secure payment thereof; authorizing the acquisition of lands by irrigation companies, and requiring the alienation thereof; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:17 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

FIFTY-SECOND DAY.

(Tuesday, March 20, 1917.)

The House met at 10:20 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Burton of Rusk.
Baker.	Burton of Tarrant.
Beard of Milam.	Butler.
Beasley.	Cadenhead.
Beason.	Canales.
Bedell.	Carlock.
Bell.	Clark.
Bertram.	Cope.
Blackburn.	Cox.
Blackmon.	Davis of Dallas.
Blalock.	Davis of Grimes.
Bland.	Davis
Bledsoe.	of Van Zandt.
Boner.	Denton.
Brown.	Dodd.
Bryan.	Dudley.